Vocational Training Institute for Tribals

80. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any specific plan to set up vocational training institute in tribal areas with a view to give education to the tribal students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) The Ministry is already implementing a central sector scheme namely 'vocational training in tribal areas' to develop the skill of tribal youths to enable them to gain employment/self employment. Under the scheme 100% grants-in-aid is provided to State Governments/UT Administrations/ NGOs for setting up and running of Vocational Training Centres. Each Vocational Training Centre has maximum 100 trainees and five trades as per employment potential of the area. All the State Governments may avail the benefit of this scheme by sending their proposals complete in all respects.

Scholarships to ST students

81. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether grant-in-aid is released to State Governments for construction of hostel buildings for ST students, providing pre and post-matric scholarships and training such students for appearing in competitive examinations for admission to professional courses and Civil Services creation of book banks for stocking medical and engineering books, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith details of the grants released to States during the last three years; year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Karnataka Government's request for releasing grants for the above purposes is pending with the Centre; and

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?